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SUBJ: SOUTH KOREA AND PHILIPPINES AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENC

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR UN
AND NON-ALIGNED AFFAIRS (LOOI CHEOK HUN) SAID JUNE 24

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THAT HE IS NOT OPTIMISTIC ROK APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WILL BE SUCCESSFUL BUT IT VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT NORTH KOREA'S APPLICATION WILL BE APPROVED. LOOI CONTINUED THAT MALAYSIAN REPRESENTATIVE ATTEMPTED TO DEFEND SOUTH KOREA'S RIGHT TO APPLY FOR ADMITTANCE TO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE (NAC) AT RECENT NON-ALIGNED BUREAU MEETING IN NEW YORK (REF B). GOM'S POSITION IS BASED ON PRINCIPLE THAT ROK SHOULD GET EQUAL TREATMENT WITH DPRK IN APPLICATION PROCESS, LEAVING FOREIGN MINISTERS AT LIMA CONFERENCE IN AUGUST TO DECIDE WHICH KOREA, OR BOTH, SHOULD BE ADMITTED. ON THE WHOLE, LOOI DOES NOT FEEL THAT ROK WILL BE "ACCEPTABLE" TO NON-ALIGNED NATIONS BECAUSE OF ITS STRONG DEFENSE TIES WITH US; NEVERTHELESS, GOM ACKNOWLEDGES THAT DPRK IS IN FACT NOT NON-ALIGNED EITHER. ALSO, LOOI SAID ROK MADE TACTICAL MISTAKE IN PRESSING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AT THIS TIME; CHANCES MIGHT BE BETTER, LOOI OPINED, NEXT YEAR IF CURRENT WAR OF NERVES BETWEEN THE TWO KPREAS DIES DOWN.

2. ON PHILIPPINES APPLICATION FOR OBSERVER STATUS, LOOI SAID THAT HE IS LIKEWISE NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT GOP'S CHANCES, MAINLY BECAUSE OF "UNACCEPTABILITY" FACTOR. WHILE GOM AND OTHER MODERATE NON-ALIGNEDS BELIEVE THAT PHILIPPINES' FOREIGN POLICY IS EVOLVING TOWARD GENUINE NON-ALIGNMENT, PRESENCE OF U.S. BASES AND SECURITY TIES MAKE PHILIPPINES UNACCEPTABLE TO RADICALS SUCH AS ALGERIA AND YUGOSLAVIA. NONETHELESS, THE THREE ASEAN NATIONS IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (MALAYSIA, INDONESIA AND SINGAPORE) WILL ATTEMPT TO LOBBY ON GOP'S BEHALF ON BASIS THAT GOP FAVORS CREATION OF SEASIAN ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY AND HAS SAID U.S. BASES WILL BE WITHDRAWN AT SOME TIME IN FUTURE.

3. COMMENT: THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION DESCRIBED ABOVE, LOOI WAS CAREFUL TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN ROK RIGHT TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO NAC AND "MERITS" OF ROK MEMBERSHIP IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. LOOI SAID THAT GOM DOES NOT BELIEVE ROK HAS PROPER NON-ALIGNED CREDENTIALS BUT, THEN AGAIN, NEITHER DOES DPRK.
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REGARDING "MERITS" OF PROBLEM, LOOI INDICATED THAT GOM WILL NOT BUCK TIDE, ALTHOUGH IT MAY ENTER DEMURRA HATATING THAT ROFCAPPLICATION SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED ALSO. ON PHILIPPINES, GOM'S LOBBYING EFFORT WILL BE HARNESSSED TO THOSE OF SINGAPORE AND INDONESIA, AND INDONESIA AS USUAL MAY WELL HAVE TO TAKE LEAD IN PRESSING GOP'S CASE.
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